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Mr. Dulles:

I have been exploring further with [] the procedures which are followed with respect to the various White House requirements that are laid on us for reports on varying subjects. [] tells me that there is still a certain amount of disorder in the manner in which we receive these requirements, since often two or three different people in the White House will ask for the same thing. This is now getting a little better since we have our own people on duty in the White House situation room so that when requests are passed through them they can channel them correctly to the Agency.

25X1 [] tells me that OCI has made arrangements throughout the DDI area so that they are aware of and maintain a record of all requests from the White House even though the report may be prepared by ORR, [] etc. This ensures that there is in one central place a record of all material which has been sent to the White House. In order to make sure that OCI records are complete, it is of course incumbent upon us to advise OCI when you personally send something over. [] and I will see that this is done.

25X1 [] tells me that by close of business today OCI is scheduled to have in General Taylor's office an analysis of the situation in East Germany based on ONE. As soon as the report is completed and en route to General Taylor's office, copies will be simultaneously sent to you, General Cabell and Bob Amory. In each instance either Ting Sheldon or [] personally reviews and releases these reports which go in blind memorandum form to the White House. 25X1 Tom Parrott has told [] on two or three occasions that the reason so many requests are levied upon CIA is due to the fact that we respond so rapidly and completely to the requests. By contrast, we have been advised that the Pentagon takes several days to compile a response to any request made of them because there are so many channels and so much cumbersome handling involved. Both Bundy's office and Taylor's office have expressed great appreciation for the informality and rapidity of our responses as well as the quality and thoroughness of the reports transmitted. I have made arrangements with [] so that you will be advised of requests levied upon the Agency by the White House while they are being worked on and before the reports are finally transmitted. You will, of course, receive a copy of such reports at the same time they are dispatched, but we will not hold up dispatching reports for your release unless you specifically so request.

25X1 [] mentioned that there is one type of report which is considered so routine that OCI has not advised us in each case when such reports are transmitted to the White House. These are routine biographic data materials covering any visiting foreign dignitary scheduled to meet with the President or members of his staff. These biographic reports are automatically sent to the White House as soon as it is known that a foreign visitor is scheduled to arrive, and they are also printed in the CIA weekly - hence this type of reporting seems to present no particular problem at all.

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